

STAT REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]
ON 4 DECEMBER 1966.

The proposal for establishing the CIG Reference Center was outlined to

STAT [REDACTED] He pointed out, in connection with the establishment of a small reference library at C.I.C., that this should be considered strictly as a working library, containing those books which are necessary for day to day use. He suggested that such a library could not have everything in it, and that care should be taken not to consider such a collection better than

STAT it actually is. [REDACTED] mentioned specific examples where similar collections had been made, and personnel had tended toward them as complete without going further afield. This had been particularly true of the library at the Army War College. The danger was stressed of a middle ground between the small working collection and the large public and university libraries, together with the problem as to where to draw the line.

STAT While [REDACTED] emphasized the point that he was not trying to "sell" the Library of Congress, he did point out the tremendous facilities available there, suggesting that it should be relied on rather heavily for making material available to us. He added that the C.I.C. librarian should work out very

STAT close relations with them. [REDACTED] felt that the Library of Congress should be encouraged to collect everything (in the line of unclassified printed material) bearing on the security of the United States. If the information can be found in books, it should be referred to the Library of Congress to secure. This does not, as pointed out above, prevent C.I.C. from having a small working collection of its day to day tools.

SUGGESTED PERSONNEL

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The following names were suggested by

University, for consideration for the position of Chief, C.I.B. Reference
Center and for the lesser librarian positions under the Chief, Reference Center.

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[REDACTED] stressed his belief that one of the qualifications needed, if not in our top position then certainly in one of the lesser positions, was a person with reference desk training in a big public library, with experience in handling questions and knowing where the information can be found. He did not have any names to suggest other than [REDACTED]

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